Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes. A copy of the report is placed on the table.

PROSECUTION OF ARUMUGHAM CHETTIAR—WITHDRAWAL OF

433. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether they have noted the news item No. 1 written by the Trichur correspondent of "Powrashakthi" of Calicut on 8th December 1944 published on page 3 of Powrashakthi, dated 24th December 1944;

(*b*) whether the accused Arumugha Chettiar put in any petition to the Government either direct or through any Vakil to get the case against him withdrawn;

(*c*) if so (*i*) will they be pleased to place the original petition with the Vakalaths, if any, on the table (*ii*) the reason for not withdrawing the case;

(*d*) the full address of the accused Mr. Arumugha Chettiar;

(*e*) whether the accused has appealed to any higher court?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*b*).

(*d*) Arumugha Chettiar, son of Kalli Chettiar, 10/63 Mattancheri Municipality.

(*e*) No.

GHEE—PERCENTAGE OF ADULTERATION

434. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any or all the Municipalities in the State are going to notify or have already notified the percentage of adulteration effected in different brands of ghee available in each market for warning the public from purchasing more adulterated varieties;

(*b*) if so (*i*) the names of these Municipalities (*ii*) the dates of notification (*iii*) the varieties notified till now (*iv*) the percentage of adulterations in each case?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*a*).

GRASING GROUNDS WITHIN ERNAKULAM MUNICIPAL LIMITS

435. Mrs. Tankamma N. Menon *(Womens-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether there are any public grazing grounds within the Ernakulam Municipal limits?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Sites for two grazing grounds have been acquired, one each at the northern and southern sides of the town. As the improvements to these grounds are not complete these have not been thrown open for grazing.

LANDS LEASED UNDER THE FOOD PRODUCTION SCHEME

436. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total area leased under the Food Production Scheme in Panancheri village (പാണഞ്ചേരി വില്ലേജ്) Trichur Taluk;

(*b*) the area leased to Mr. C. V. Subramania Ayyar the then Head clerk of the Food Production Office;

(*c*) the area leased, if any, to the wife of the officer in (*b*);

(*d*) the area leased to the father-in-law and mother-in-law of gentleman in (*b*);

(*e*) who are the lessees of the remaining area;

(*f*) will they please state the areas leased to persons in (*e*);

(*g*) will they please state the number of applicants for leases and the number to whom lands were actually leased;

(*h*) are the lessees in (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) in actual cultivation or are those lands sub-let by the lessees;

(*i*) if the lands are under sub-leases will they please state the actual rent received by the lessors in each and the rent payable to Government?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) 1,007·25 acres.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) 5 acres.

(*d*) Nil.

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(*e*) The register of Food Production leases containing the particulars sought for is placed on the Council Table. The register is in two volumes. Pages 53 to 94 of Volume I and pages I to 8 of Volume II relate to Pananchery village.

(*f*) 1,002·5 acres.

(*g*) Total number of applicants for leases in any particular village is not available as no list of rejected applications has been kept. Number of applicants to whom lands were actually leased is 257.

(*h*) No information is available of any sub-leasing by the sanctioned lessees.

(*i*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*h*) above.

AMOUNT ADVANCED TO THE GRAIN PURCHASING TAHSILDAR OF TALAPPALLY TALUK

437. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount advanced by Government to Grain Purchasing Tahsildar, Talappally Taluk, for the purchase of paddy in Dhanu and Makaram 1120;

(*b*) the undisbursed amount out of the previous advances made for Paddy Purchase, that remained with the Tahsidar on 1st Dhanu, 1120;

(*c*) whether the Tahsildar concerned even entrusted funds for Paddy Purchased to the Parvathiams and Menons employed under him;

(*d*) if so, the amounts advanced in Dhanu and Makaram 1120 to the several Parvathiams and Menons concerned together with their names, the villages whether they worked, and the dates of entrustment of funds in each case;

(*e*) whether any checking and verification of accounts and cash has taken place during the period under reference in respect of funds advanced to the Parvathiams and Menons concerned by the Tahsildar or by any other Officer of the Food Supplies Department or by any Officer of Account Department;

(*f*) whether any simultaneous checking and verification of accounts and cash in respect of amounts actually remaining with the Tahsildar has taken place during the said period;

(*g*) if the answers to (*e*) and (*f*) are in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to furnish the date or dates of such checking and verification with the notes of inspection made by Checking Officers concerned on each such occasion;

(*h*) whether Grain Purchasing Tahsildars have been authorised by Government to entrust funds to their subordinates for Paddy Purchase;

(*i*) if so, will Government be pleased to furnish copies of such order or orders?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*)

Rs. 3,45,000	0	0	in Dhanu
6,80,000	0	0	in Makaram
10,25,000	0	0	

(*b*) *Rs.* 3,000 11 1

(*c*) Funds were entrusted to Parvathiams and Revenue Inspectors only.

(*d*) List is placed on the Council Table.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) with regard to the cash advanced to the Parvathiams and Revenue Inspectors, the Tahsildar himself or in his absence the Accountant used to check it whenever fresh advances are made and the fact noted in the Personal Ledger regarding each. This has been done on all dates shown in the lists appended to answer (*d*). The Revenue Inspectors and the Purchasing Assistants also used to verify the cash whenever they visit the villages. They have not kept a record of the dates of such verifications. Since these are only simple verifications there are no notes of inspection.

With regard to the simultaneous checking of the accounts and cash with the Tahsildar, the Diwan Peishkar has verified the cash on 20th Makaram 1120. The Director of Food Supplies and the Deputy Director of Food Supplies also checked the accounts on 26th Dhanu 1120 and 25th Makaram 1120 respectively. Since no discrepancies were noticed there was no necessity for inspection notes by these two officers.

(*h*) The Tahsildar is responsible to the Government for the money drawn by him for the purchase of paddy, and any sub-advance made by him to his subordinates out of such advances is on his own responsibility. Even though the Tahsildar advances money on his own

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